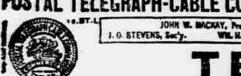
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fraternal man of the day and one of the ablest speakers on fraternal insurance now before the public.

Twentieth Century Council made an excellent business meeting of its last session initiating four candidates. Anton Lay was elected representative to the central organization. The first sentative to the central organization was reported in that of Businers states two diets betwary it and was buried the 14th.

Security Council resumed regular business last Monday after two consecutive open meetings and received one new application. Brother A. Mulic gardt was elected representative to the central organization in the state of Business and St. Louis ledge. No. III, beld Thursday evening, February 6, was well attended by its members and viating brothers from received one new application. Brother A. Mulic gard five candidates initiated began a vice president on account of removal from city, and his successor will be elected at a return meeting. The Tadies' ministral troupe "will have the second "inning" the first Monday after Easter, the hall having been given them at that time for that nurnose.

Anchor Home Council held a typical meeting last Monday and under "good of the order" listened to some excellent speeches from Fred Winkle, president of Gardeld Council; J. V. Gall lasher, president of Park Avenue Council; Thoms an above the second "inning" the first Monday after Easter than the played the Translation of the state of the order listened to some excellent speeches from Fred Winkle, president of Gardeld Council; J. V. Gall lasher, president of Gardeld Council; J. V. Gall lasher, president of Park Avenue Council; Thoms an above entire the second provident transpose.

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P. Kelly of Protection Council and National Dep-ury S. H. Snider. A class of twenty is reported ready for initiation at next meeting. Dewey Council held a meeting replete with good fellowship last Tuesday and took steps for prepa-ration in entertaining the "consolidation commit-tees" in a pleasant manner at the next meeting.

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March 4. March 4 and excellent attendance was en hand at Pride of the West Council February 19 and one candicate initiated. The hax party and Entertainment Committee roport all in readiness for February 28. A very cordial invitation is extended to all sir knights and helies and their friends. F. A. Julian was elected representative to the central organization.

McKinfley Council held regular session Thursday evaling February 29, and elected F. Hookham as representative to the central organization.

Garfield Council had an interesting and sell-attended meeting last Thursday. After resular order of business the members "chimo-d in" is cents each and held a cutre, at which all had a very aleasant time. C. H. V. Detimer was elected central organization representative.

The Provident Union.
Columbia Council, No. 120, held its regular meeting on Thursday evening and initiated another class of applicants to the mysteries of the order, and received four applications for membership.

other class of applicants to the mysteries of the order, and received four applications for membership.

Several matters were discussed under good of the order, the object being a further increase of membership in the council, its roil has been increased fully 20 per cent since January I, and the members are determined to keep up the work and secure the banner offered by the Sapreme Council to the council making the greatest relative gain during the term. The race will be close between Columbia and Enterprise.

Enterprise Council, No. 137, held its regular session on Wednesday evening at their hall, installation, initiation and reception of applications filling up almost the entire evening. This council will contest for the hanner, and in order to perfect arrangements for this and the cucher party will hold a special meeting at the residence of the president, Fister Keane, No. 1018 Armstrong avenue, on Wednesday evening, Pebruary 28.

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At this meeting, also, a general discussion will take place in regard to conferring the side degree of Ruth, the Gleaner, on the lady memberalin of the order. This degree partakes very much of the channeter of the Haymakers of other societies, and, the ritualistic work being very beautiful, has gained prestige wherever it has been adopted.

Sons of St. George.

Nelson Lodge held a very interesting meeting Thursday night. A good representation of the members was present. Important business looking to the advancement of the lodge was transmeted. Arrangements are being made for holding a smoker in March.

Woodmen of the World. Woodmen of the World.

Monday evening's meeting of Botanical Canny was unusually well attended, and those present were given quite a treat in a meeting which proved most interesting and entertaining. Three candidates were initiated and seven applications received. Sovereign Duncan M. Wilson of Wald Camp presided. A delecation of ladies of Towe Grove Circle. No. 77, visited in the interest of their grove. Under the wood of the order the camp went into open seasion, and Sovereign Wilson, in a few well-chosen remarks, bid the ladies hearty welcome. The candidates were then in this of the ladies. Worthy Guardian Noonan,

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tory theumathm, and members were requested to visit him.

Chopper Camp will entertain its members and friends at progressive eachie Wednesday evening at Benton Park Hall, to which has been added first-class programme of local vaulestile talent. At last Friday evening's meeting, 'consul Commander Pred Wenzel bresiding, two candidates were initiated and one application was useful upon. The committee in charge of Wednesday evening's event announced that fifty prizes would be given to the best players.

Wald Camp at its meeting last Wednesday evening was presided over by Past Consul Commander Wilson, thirty members being present, in addition to visitors from Fotantical St. Louis and Live Oak camps. Two candidates were initiated and one member received by card. Much favorable comment was made upon the rapid work of the Sovereirn Camp in adjusting the claim of the

prize was awarded to Clausman John Hill. The evenine was a most enjoyable on.

Ancient Order of United Workmen. The biennial session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was held at the Germania Theater Pebruary 18-21, about 49) delegates from the various lodges throughout the State being in attendance. Some important changes were made in the laws of the order, and ilvely contests were had over some of the Grand Lodge offices.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Past grand master workman, Charles F. Reober of Savannah; grand muster workman, William H. Miller of St. Louis; grand receiver, I. F. Kaitwaser of St. Louis; grand receiver, I. F. Kaitwaser of St. Louis; grand overseer, Howard P. Smith of Palmyra; grand guide, J. Marcus of St. Louis; grand Lodge Flaurec Committee, Heitry A. Griner, chaltrian, Lohn & Corer of St. Louis; Grand Lodge Flaurec Committee, Heitry A. Griner, chaltrian, Lohn & Corer of St. Louis; Grand Lodge Flaurec Committee, Heitry A. Griner, chaltrian, Lohn & Core of St. Louis; Core of St. Louis, St. Louis

for distribution.

Benton Lodge on last Thursday evening entertained a large number of visiting delegates. After adjournment the visitors were invited to parake of a sumptuous repast, during which time Benton's string band, composed of Brothers Ben Rolfee, Charles H. Davidson, Mat Clark, Fred Ritter and R. Wulle, rendered beautiful selections. Toasits were offered by Brothers McArthur, Hehl, Rockenbrodt, Lampertz, Frank, Jr., Heinritz and a number of other members. Brother Charles H. Davidson rendered some very diffigult solos. fenit solor.

Phoenix Lodge had a large number of members and visiting brothers present at its meeting. Thursday evening. Two candidates were initiated in the degrees of the order, and also took the mystle degree of Phoenix Lodge. Thire applications were ballotted for, and five applications were ballotted for, and five applications were ballotted for, and five applications were received.

Farmers Lodge No. M. had a well-attended meeting last Weinesday evening, at which one candidate was initiated and two applications for membership were received. A number of the representatives to the Grand Lodge session were present a vistor, some of whom made interesting addresses.

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Jefferson Lodge had a very interesting meeting on last Thursday evening, at which one spelication was presented and one application ballored for. After the meeting the monthly social took place, Brother Louis Stroeber acting as chairman. A good many of the visiting delegates from the various lodees in the State were present. The Athletic Mandolin Club rendered instrumental selections, Miss Dubentiek a plano solo, Brother Lammers graphophone selections, the Free Singing Choir sons. Addresses were made by J. H. Coffield of Doe Run, Jake Marcus, the newly elected grand guide; Brother F. K'eppsattel of Fredericktown, Henry Wodepohl of Berger, L. Kidd of Bismarck, Deputy Grand Master Workman Erbe and others. Cirars were passed around and all enloyed a good time. Next Thursday night this lodge will have a large meeting to which all members of the order are invited. strumental selections. Miss Dubenrick a plano solo, Brother Lammers graphophone relections, the Free Singing Choir source. Addresses were made by J. H. Coffield of Doe Run, Jake Marcus, the newly elected grand guide; Brother F. Klepprestite of Predericknown, Henry Woodepoll of Berger, L. Kithl of Bismarck, Deputy Grand Master Workman Erbe and others. Clears were passed around and all enloyed a good time. Next Thursday night this leige will have a large invited.

Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W.

Hyde Park Lodge will give a grand euchre at the hall, Eleventh street and Newhouse avenue,

it valuable prizes will be awarded to the winmors.

—aday evening, February 24, Acorn Lodge will
give a Krang sucare at its hall, No. 237 Chouteau avenue, at which time the lodge expects a
great many members of the degree and their
friends present. On Saturday evening, March
8, this looge will give a grand prine masquerade
ball at Chouteau hall, No. 257 Chouteau avenue.
West End Lodge had a very interesting meeting Saturday evening, which was largely attended. A delogation from Acorn Lodge was present,
among whem were Deputy Grand Chief of Honor
Emma N. Messinger. Sisters Keans, Johnson,
McLuthy, and Brothers Bressler and Clifford.
At the conclusion of the meeting progressive
euchie was payed, the prizes being awarded to
Sisters Joyce, Johnson, Darr and Button, and
Brothers Gillesple, Liston and Rau.

Odd Fellows. Odd Fellows.

Martha Washington Lodge was well-attended Monday night. Several candidates were ballotted for, who will be initiated at next meeting. Miss Luiu Delninger was nominated for representative to the Rebeach Assembly, which meets in St. Louis next May. Mrs. Anna Munch, past representative to the Rebeach Assembly, and Miss Nelia Thrielkeld of Viola Lodge. No. 129, of Sheiolins. Mo., were visitors and made remarks under good of the order. Sergeant Bunch, U. S. A. gave an interesting talk on the Philippine Situation. situation. Mechanica' Lodge had two applications for membership and initiated one. A committee was appointed to secure a wardrobe for the new paraphernalia. paraphermina.

James R. Miller. grand secretary of the Illinois Odi Fellows and editor of the Springfield Heruid, the Odd Fellows' official organ, was a caller at headquarters on Tuesday five nettions for member of the common The Hondquarters' Committee gave an enter-tainment Thursday night the first of a series of three, which was an enjoyable mfair. The sec-ond will be at Muth's Hall, Chouteau avenue and Sarah street, on February E, and the third at a Social Turner Hall, Thirteenth and Monroe, Feb-ruary E.

and Lodge had initiation and three can-

Luclede Lodge had five conditates for the ini-atory and one for the first degree, T. G. echow or Bolivar and W. L. Sammers of West lains. Mo. were visitors Oak Hill Lodge had a good attendance. The gives staff conferred the second degree on one mildate and will have twe for the second next ecting. The Entertainment Committee will give a annual ball March 1. Golden Scepter Lodge had one application for embership and two candidates for ballot. The intertainment Committee but a fine programme tanged, which was rendered to the satisfaction all present. After the connect the antience.

St. Louis Council will give an open entertainment to-morrow (Monday) evening at its ball in the Masonic Temple, to which all members of the legion and that friends are invited. The programme will consist of "A Day in Rome," by Mias Gerarche, Hustrated by stereoption views and interspersed with singing.

Alpha Council will meet on next Tuesday evening, when several candidates are expected to be ready for initiation. The Entertainment Committee expects to make its report on that evening is to extertainments to be given in the near future.

application was received and contract this week;
The following councils will meet this week;
Monday St. Louis and Latayette, Tuesday—
Mihas Wednesday—fryng, Thursday—Franklin,
Friday—Carondelet, Hyde Park, Unity, Stella,
Ivanhoe, Buenn Vista, Saturday—Tower.

Universal Friends of America. Universal Friends of America.

Jufferson Council, No. 3, has had its Finance
Committee at work on its books. They installed
the following officers: C. C., Martin Leonhardt;
vice C., Elizabeth Meller; secretary, Louis Lunghasser; treasurer, August Koehenann, prelate,
Marie Wametzoh, Wanden, Fred Stocker; sentry, Fred Wametzoh, This council promises to
have some initiations seon and do good work.

Adams Council, No. 5, had a good meeting, initiated one candidate and installed the following
officers: C. C. J. H. Steuterman, vice, Frank
Shelbe; secretary, Emil Thomas; treasurer,
Mary Thomas; ensior, Ensille Thomas; marshal,
Frank Meister; warden, Charles Freymark; pre-

were received and one candidate was safely conducted through the mysteries of "woodcraft." A committee of six was appointed to arrange for its second annual entertainment and prize eacher to be given on April 12 at Rook Springs Turner Hell. This circle decided to bay a fraternal visit to every carm and circle of W.O. W. in this city, to create a more fraternal feeling among the members of their order. A large delegation will pay a visit to the entertainment and prize eacher, the first week of March.

Order of Scottish Claus.

Checks to the amount of R.T.D were drawn during the past week by the royal treasurer for the payment of death benefits, making a total candidate the payment of death benefits, making a total candidate the last of the same that and have been added to the membership and many more tofoliow. Choulean degree team initiated a few exceptions all their members were present, and a large delegation from Clan Campbell and invited guests were also on hand one application, that of Mr. Robertsein, one of the city's prominen business men, was received and ferfered to a committee. After the regular order of business had been disposed of the doors were opened, and the friends in waiting were verocomed into the hall by Chief McKenate in a beat speech that made all feel at home at once, after which the tables were surranged and the play was scarted. Chief McIntyre of Clan Campbell again succeeded in shooting his ability as a cocher player by carrying off the boody erric. The first prize was awarded to flavoural behavior of Missouri was held at the Germania Theater February is as awarded to Clausan John Hill. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

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Missouri had a good meeting Monday night.

Arlington initiated six new candidates Friday
ight. Solvadid circle, with over 130 members
all crowing.

WANT A DIFFERENT OFFICER. Woman's Humane Society Makes

Request of Chief Kiely. Chief of Police Kiely has a little problem m his hands in dealing with the Woman's Humane Society. Complaint has been fodged against Policeman William A. Barada, who is detailed to do special duty

for the society. The officers of the society desire another policeman in his place, It seems that there is no complaint which can be filed in the nature of a charge against the officer, so the society members simply request a new detail. Barada de-clares that the only cause for friction is that he will not report there as early as the officers of the society want him. He is the officers of the society want him. He is obliged to report for duty at the Four Courts at 8 o'clock in the morning. From there he goes to the Humane Society office. Barada claims that the society wanted him to report to them even before he reported at police headquarters.

Chief Kiely refused to discuss the matter, saying that he had referred the matter to the Board of Police Commissioners. "I will state simply this," he said, "that Barada has given perfect satisfaction so far as I am concerned. No charges have been filed against him, and I do not anticipate filing any." filed against him, and I do not anticipate filing any."

Mrs. T. G. Comstock, president of the Woman's Humane Society, refused to state the reason for desiring Barada removed. She said he was a good officer, and denied that there had been trouble. "We simply think a change would be for the good of the society."

elected the following delegations to the Judicial Convention at Springfield, July 8: J. C. Sheppard, Thomas F. Lane, R. C. Barrett, J. P. Campbell, J. U. Swain, W.

THATCHER'S TRIBUTE TO "BILLY" WEST.

Former Associate of the Late Min-strel Recalls His Successful Career.

LODGE OF ELKS IN MOURNING.

William H. West, Whose Real Name Was Flynn, Leaves Fortune of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Billy West we have lost one of the whitest men-pardon my silp of the tongue, but I mean it, after all-in the minstrel business. If all men had his principle work would indeed be a pleasure, for he never did a wrong thing to a man in his line of business and never said a mean word to one of his profession," said George Thatcher, in speaking of his former part-

echoed Nat Haines, and Clayton White added, "Mine, too, in all sincerity." Continuing, George Thatcher said:
"I had known Billy West, whose real

name was Flynn, but whose stage name West was afterward legalized by the courts of New York, since 1873, when he appeared with Haverly's Minstrels, He had courts of New York, since 15:3, when he appeared with Haverly's Minstrels. He had always been in the minstrel business from his boyhood. With Haverly, he did a song and dance turn with Primrose, and afterward went with Milt Barlow and George Wilson in a minstrel company, backed by Harry Mann, who has since died. After we formed the minstrel company of Thatcher, Primrose and West, which continued for seven years. Then the Primrose and West Minstrels was formed, and the partnership was continued for several years. It was dissolved about three years ago. Why, I do not care to say, but I suppose they each thought they could make more going it alone. Billy certainly did, as he deserved to. It is mighty sad to think that a man who was the perfection of manhood should be stricken down in the prime of life—he was just about 40—when he had everything to live for and everybody who knew him wanted him to live.

"He was born at Auburn, N. Y., and was married three times, first to Fay Templeton, from whom he was divorced; next to Miss Morris, a daughter of a former Minister to Turkey, and last to Miss Hanley, one of the Hanley risters, wno survives him. He was the brother-in-law of Pete Dalley.

"Some slight errors have appeared in

one of the Hanley risters, who survives him. He was the brother-in-law of Pete Dailey.

"Some slight errors have appeared in print about him. He never was an end man in a minstrel show, and only became an interlocutor at the last of his career. His specialty was the arrangement and conduct of the spectacular marches, which made his minstrels famous. Personally, I want to repeat, that he was the soul of honor, and a man that could not do a small or mean thing in the minstrel business—or in any other business, for that matter. He was without doubt the wealthiest man in the minstrel business. Other minstrel men have made money out of the profession, but he was the quly one who made as much by sticking to it. It was my pleasure to be with him when he joined New York Lodge of Freemasons, Manhattan Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Mecca Temole. Nohies of the Mystic Shrine.

"The ciditiners are beginning to get away. The only ones I can trink of now who are alive and whom I knew in the early days of my forty years in the minstrel basiness are Billy Swentnam, Milt Earlow and Low Simmons."

ABSURD CABLES ABOUT PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

SPECIAL BY CARLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC London, Feb. 22.—(Copyright, 1992)—The London dailies are devoting much space to Prince Henry of Prussia's visit to America, and the fashionable weeklies as well. Lots of absurd stuff abount arrangements is being cabled to the former, while the latter are turning out a mass of stuff of the home-made variety still less trustworthy. The Sketch this week announces that six

American dames, belonging to the most ex-clusive inner circle, have formed themselves into a Reception Committee. that they are Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vander-bilt, Mrs. Howard Gould, Mrs. Edwin Gould, pictures of the committee.

NOVEL AND PRETTY TIARAS ON DISPLAY.

PECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. London, Feb. 22.—(Copyright, 1902.)—Since the order issued from the Earl Marshal's office to the effect that peeresses could wear tiaras at the coronation, the West End jewelers' shop windows have been full of these head ornaments. It is a very long time since I have seen such a blaze of diamonds

in their shops.

Some of the tiaras exhibited are very nov el and pretty in shape, but, as a rule, there is nothing very startling. The new all-around crowns will look best on this occa-

DUCHESS WILLED HER JEWELS TO CHARITY.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Feb. 22.—(Copyright, 1992.)—The will of the late Marcchale Campos, Duchesse de Valence (nee de Tascher), who died in Paris on December 18, has just been made public. on December 13, has just been made public, The Duchesse ordered almost all her fa-mous jowels, including a riviere, a large brooch, four diamond sprays and two rows of pearls, an enamel by Petitot, an an-tique cameo and a garland of diamonds, to-gether with equally precious laces, to be sold for the benefit of various charitable

DRUNKEN CAT CAUSES PANIC IN BAKER SHOP.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Paris, Feb. 22.—(Copyright, 1902.)—A pastry cook on the Avenue Gambetta on Tues try cook on the Avenue Gambetta on Tuesday night borrowed a fine Angora cat to clear his shop of rats and mice. While at dinner on the floor above he heard a frightful caterwauling below. The pastry was scattered and many plates were broken.

Believing the cat to be mad, he called in a policeman, who shot the animal. A veterinary's examination proved that the cat was simply drunk from eating a quantity of babas (buns) steeped in rum.

NEGRO TALENT IN A DRAMA.

Theatrical Performance Will Be Given With Cast of Black.

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Delegates Selected From Ripley County to Judicial Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Doniphan, Mo., Feb. 22.—At a mass meeting to-day the Ripley County Democrats elected the following delegations to the Judicial Convention t

McKINLEY FUND IS GROWING.

Illinois Auxiliary Reports a Total of \$30,616.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—The Illinois auxiliary of the McKinley Memorial Association reports contributions to date amounting to \$35,635 including \$25,139 previously acknowledged.

This notable increase since the last published returns is due to in considerable part of the receipts of numerous personal subscriptions and large returns from firms and employes.

FINANCIAL.

FUEL OIL ON NORTHERN PACIFIC.

A Great Railway System Will Use Beaumont Product.

ENGINES ODDLY DESIGNED.

Smokestacks Will Be Placed Behind the Engineer's Cab, Thus Avoiding Smoke and Giving a Clear Track.

Now that the Northern Pacific Railroad Now that the Northern Pacific Railroad has decided to equip the majority of its system with oil-burning locomotives, substantial proof has been given to the investing public that the most conservative business men believe that the Reaumont field is practically inexhaustible. It is certain that the managers of a great railroad system would not make a move of such importance unless thay had made the most thorough investigation of the the most thorough investigation of the continuity of the oil supply in the Beaucontinuity of the all supply in the Beaumont field.

The new engines of the Northern Pacific
Railroad will be constructed so that the
amoke stacks will be behind the cab of
the engine, thus giving a clear view of
the track. This is another evidence of
the great improvement oil affords over
coal as a fuel, and it is another evidence
to the investing public of the wide use to
which the Beaumont oil is going to attain in the future.

Will Burn Beaumont Oll.

Will harn Beaumont oil.

It is intended to burn Beaumont oil on the engines of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and already some of the leading companies of Beaumont, including the Granite Mountain Oil Company, are investigating the freight rates and other questions that would govern the delivery of oil to such a far-away point as the line of the Northern Facilic Railroad. It is certain that in figuring on contracts for oil in any part of the country that the Granite Mountain Oil Company has advantages possessed by few of the Beaumont companies. Economy and Practical Management

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In addition to having one of the greatest gushers in the world, producing 100600 barrels of oil in twenty-four hours,
this company is equipped with settling
tanks and mechanical errangements so
necessary in making delivery.

The manager of the company, Mr. D. O.
Lively, is a practical oil man, who has
grown up in the oil business and knows it
thoroughly. He lives at Beaumont and
devotes his time to the company's intereste, making regular visits to the field on
Spindle Top Hill and watching the corners so as to transact the greatest
amount of business at the very smallest
cost. Economy is the rule of the Granite
Mountain Oil Company, and it is a sure
vehicle to success.

None of the officers of the Granite
Mountain Oil Company, including the
manager, Mr. Lively, draw any salary,
but they work harder than if they did recelve pay, because they are interested not
enly in the shares of the company, but
in the honor that comes to those who
succeed in elevating a corporation to
great success.

Can Drill More Gushers.

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It is the general opinion of oil men and bankers in Beaumont that the Granite Mountain Oil Company is one of the best managed and conducted companies in the field. It is certain that the company has one of the finest pieces of ground on the hill in Block No. 38, Hogg-Swayne tract, on which the gusher is located, and on which there is room enough to drill three or four more wells whenever they become necessary. Fee Simple Holdings and Leases. Fee Simple Holdings and Leases.

All of the ground holdings of the company are held in fee simple, and not one dollar of indebtedness hangs over the treasury. In addition to the fee simple holdings on Spindle Top Hill, the company also has leases on \$0.000 acres of splendid prospective oil land in Panola County, Texas. This land is reported by experts to be completely underlaid with oil at a somewhat greater depth than at the Beaumont field. These \$0.00 wells,

Profitable Oil Contracts.

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It is a fact that the Granite Mountain Oil Company has been highly successful in securing contracts for the sale of oil, and the company is now fulfilling one contract which covers a period of two years and affords a maximum income of \$5,000 a month and a minimum of a somewhat smaller amount. This contract guarantees a regular and steady income sufficient to pay dividends to the share holders for two years, and it places the company on a firm financial basis that inspires the confidence of every shareholder and the public.

The St. Logic Office. Profitable Oll Contracts.

The St. Louis Office.

The Granite Mountain Oil Company is ably represented in St. Louis by the Granite Investment and Loan Company, suite 218-218, Granite block, Fourth and Market streets. From this office investors are informed of the facts concerning the company and the advantages of investing in its shares. A limited number of treasury shares are being sold at 16 cents a share, but the fact that a dividend will be paid by April 1 has caused the directors to consider an early advance in the price. It is certain that the advance will amount to several times the present price, and that investors who buy now will secure a splendid investment.

Whether you desire to invest or not, you can secure full information without cost by writing to the office, and if you are convinced that this is the investment for you, you can send your subscription for shares at 10 cents a share unfil further notice. The St. Louis Office.

DIVIDEND NOTICE. **GROVND FLOOR OIL COMPANY**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ground Floor Oil Company, held at the office of the company, in Beaumont, Tex. February Zi, 1902, at 11 a. m., a 2 per cent dividend was declared for February payable to all stockholders of record February 28, 1902.

ALBA HEYWOOD, Treasurer, ALBA HEYWOOD, Treasurer, E. A. STERLING, Secretary, Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 21, 1902. DIVIDEND PAYING

The Birmingham-Beaumont Oil & Transportation Company.

STOCKS.

Capital, \$300,000, \$120,000 Stock in Treasury, Will Declare a Dividend of

5 PER CENT APRIL 1st. We have a small allotment of this stock for sale at

15 Cents Per Share, Full-paid and Nouassessable,

MECHEM, CAMERON & CO., ankers & Brokers, 40 Wall St., N. Y. St. Louis Agents: SECURITY R. E., INVESTMENT &

LOAN CO., Chemical Building.

Oil Stocks

We have a few shares of the follow ing stocks that can be secured at aumont Exchange quotations:

HEY # OOD, EQUITABLE, EXPORT.

GROUND FLOOR, BECKY SHARP, APEX. NATIONAL O. & P. L. CO., HIGGINS AND OTHERS.

Send for our pamphist of dividend-paying stocks, some of which pay as high as 24 per cent per annum.

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